

Poet Laureate visits Clark



Claudia Castro Luna

The Clark College Columbia Writers Series continues its 2018-2019 season with noted poet Claudia Castro Luna. This event, which is free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, January 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Gaiser Hall room 213 on Clark College's main campus.

Claudia Castro Luna is the **Washington State Poet Laureate**. She served as **Seattle's Civic**

Poet from 2015-2017 and is the author of the Pushcart-nominated *Killing Mariás* (Two Sylvias Press)

and *This City*, (Floating Bridge Press) and the creator of the acclaimed Seattle Poetic Grid. Born

in El Salvador, she came to the United States in 1981. She has a Master of Arts

degree in Urban Planning, a teaching certificate, and a Master of Fine Arts in

poetry. Her poems have appeared in Poetry Northwest, *La Bloga*, Dialogo and *Psychological Perspectives*, among others. Her non-fiction work can

be read in several anthologies, among them *This Is The Place: Women*

Writing About Home, (Seal Press). Castro Luna is currently working on

a memoir, *Like Water to Drink*, about

her experience escaping the civil war in El Salvador. Living in English and Spanish, she writes and teaches in Seattle. Since 2009, she maintains **Cipota bajo la Luna**, a blog with reflections, writing, and reviews.

The Columbia

Writers Series was launched at Clark College in 1988, bringing local, national and international authors to the college and the region. This year's lineup of authors will continue with:

Winter

- February 2019 (date TBA): Elizabeth McCracken, award-winning fiction writer.

Spring

- May 20, 2019: Alexis Madrigal, author, journalist, and staff writer at *The Atlantic*.
- May 21, 2019: Gina Oschner, award-winning author and Clark alumna
- May 22, 2019: Release of *Phoenix*, Clark College's award-winning arts and literary journal

Information

about the Columbia Writers Series is available at www.clark.edu/cc/cws.

This

event is held on Clark College's main campus at 1933 Ft. Vancouver Way. Directions

and maps are available online. Individuals

who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in

this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services (DSS) Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901 (VP). The DSS office is located in room 013 in Clark's Penguin Union Building.